THE FIFTH DAY.

1st March 1912.

SUBJECTS.

The Assembly met again at 11 A. M. on Friday, the 1st March 1912.

Before the consideration of the subjects was taken up, announcement was made of His Highness the Maha Raja's approval of the election of Mr. P. K. Kesava Pillai, B. A. B. L., as a non-official Member of the Legislative Council in the place of Mr. A. Sree Narayanan Tampi, whose term of office had expired.

Improvement of the road from the 97th mile of the M. C. Road to Elikulom via Nattasery. Thiruvanchiyoor etc., and the construction of a bridge at the ferry called Pala Muri.

Mr. Mathew Alexandriose (Member, Kottayam taluk) stated that the village road from the 97th mile of the M. C. Road and joining the Ponkunnum--Lalam road, if converted into a public road, would prove to be an easy means of communication to the inhabitants of Elikulom, Panamattum, Mattakara, Anikad and other places. Moreover, the trade in copra, ginger, pepper and molasses, the produce of the Vijayapuram and Akalakunnam *pakuthies*, would greatly be facilitated. He said that the subject was mooted at the fifth Assembly and the answer then was that there were no funds available at the time. He further observed that there was no necessity for acquiring any land and the road could be opened at a small cost. The Member also urged the necessity for putting up a bridge at the ferry called Palamuri in the Thiruvanjiyoor road.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the road from Kottayam to the Parippil temple.

Mr. Kanakku Narayanan Kesavan (Member, Kottayam taluk) urged the necessity for a cartable road to the Parippil temple, a distance of 4 miles, and said that the subject was brought up at the fifth Assembly and the work was included in the list of works to be executed in the Kottayam Division, and yet the work was not taken up in hand.

Dewan's reply.—The construction of the road has been sanctioned and the Chief Engineer hopes to start the work next year.

Do. Do. from Kottayam to Kumarakam.

Mr. C. K. Krishna Panickar (Member, Nominated) said that the present condition of the road was deplorable, as neither pedestrians nor carts could pass through it. The necessity for a good road was keenly felt, for the people from Kumarakam and adjoining places always had to go to Kottayam, a

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distance of 6 miles, for transacting their business. He requested that the road should be improved.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the road from Elamballoor Kavoo near the Kundara Railway Station to the Kottarathu landing on the northern side of the Thevally road.

Mr. Devan Govindan (Member, Quilon taluk) said that the road referred to in his subject covered a distance of 7½ miles through the Perinad proverthy, which ranked foremost in point of extent, population and revenue in the Quilon taluk. It was a crowded thoroughfare, being the only passage to Quilon, Kundara and the Kadavoor market. In the central part of this village road was the Anjupilamoodu fair. The produce of the place, copra and coir, and the necessary provisions for the people, could be taken only on their heads from place to place, as the road was not cartable. The Member therefore pressed that the conversion of this road into a cartable one was a necessity. He observed also that the P. W. D. did not actually spend the allotment of 7½ Rs. per mile for the maintenance of this road and that, by the improvement of this road, there was every likelihood of the Kadavoor market becoming a large centre like Quilon.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of the road from Neendakara to Karunagapalli and from Sasthancotta to Kallukadavoo.

Mr. Krishnan Madhaven (Member, Karunagapalli taluk) said that there was no public cartway of any kind in the taluk. The Main Central Road did not cross the taluk but touched only its southern and northern ends. At present the people had to go through a village road, full of breaches, muddy during the rainy season, and sandy in the hot season, from Neendakara to Karunagapalli, a distance of 9 miles. The Member pressed for gravelling this road. The improvement of the road from Sasthancotta to Kallukadavoo, a distance of 3 miles, was also urged. He said that that was the only means for traffic between the Sasthancotta market and Karunagapalli, but the present condition of this road was very bad and it was quite unfit for traffic. The full benefit of the Sasthancotta road could be derived only if this road was improved.

Dewan's reply.—The Government have sanctioned the construction of this road.

Improvement of the public way (Nadakavoo) from Krishna puram to Neendakara.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Karunagapalli taluk) said that the Vadakkey *pakuthi* of the taluk was not deriving any benefit at the hands of the Government. The proposed road was indispensable to the inhabitants of the place. If this road was metalled and kept in good condition, the difficulties the people suffered from for want of means of communication, could be removed to a great extent. At present

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